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RE: Docket No. 2008-0083 – Application of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("HECO") for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rates – Request for Extension of Time to File Opening and Reply Briefs

Dear Mr. Matsuura:

The Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") is in receipt of HECO's letter dated December 15, 2009 and filed on December 19, 2009, requesting an extension of time from December 21, 2009 to January 5, 2010 to file opening briefs and from January 11, 2010 to January 26, 2010 to file reply briefs.

In your letter, you noted that the "requested extension of time will enable the Parties to devote the time necessary to analyze the record and address the many issues raised in this rate case in their opening briefs." The Commission will treat HECO's letter request as a motion for extension of time ("Motion") under Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §§ 6-61-23 and 6-61-41. HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1) allows the Commission to enlarge a period by which a required act must be completed upon a showing of good cause provided that a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed.¹

¹Motions that do not involve the final determination of a proceeding may be determined by the chairperson or commissioner. See HAR § 6-61-41(e).

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Upon review, the Commission grants the Motion, thereby approving HECO's request for the extensions of time. Therefore, the parties have until Tuesday, January 5, 2010, to file their opening briefs and Tuesday, January 26, 2010 to file their reply briefs, instead of December 21, 2009 and January 11, 2010, respectively.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 586-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlito P. Caliboso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carlito" being more prominent.

Carlito P. Caliboso
Chairman

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c: Dean Nishina
Dr. Kay Davoodi, Department of Defense